



87W

PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 0626-0054

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)
Mark S. Zak, et al.)
Serial No: 10/666,614)
Filed: September 18, 2003)
Art Unit: 1742)
Examiner: Scott Kastler)
For: Method and Apparatus for)
Heat Treatment of)
Particulates in an)
Electrothermal Fluidized)
Bed Furnace and)
Resultant Products)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313 on

November 30, 2005

Signature Kydra Callahan

Date November 30, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

STATUS INQUIRY

Dear Sirs:

The above-identified application was filed on September 18, 2003. A first Office Action has not yet been received with respect to this application, and applicant respectfully inquires as to when such an Office Action can be expected.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: November 30, 2005

Stephen B. Heller
Stephen B. Heller
Attorney of Record
Registration No.: 30,181
COOK, ALEX, MCFARRON, MANZO,
CUMMINGS & MEHLER, LTD.
200 West Adams Street, Suite 2850
Chicago, Illinois 60606
(312) 236-8500